

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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--30. (New) The hypocholesteremic preparation according to claim 21,
wherein the hypocholesteremic preparation is combined with a foodstuff.--

Please cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Specification has been amended to include the preferred section headings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.77. An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added on a separate sheet following the claims. It is submitted that the amendments to the Specification made herein introduce no new matter. Their entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

Original claims 1-10 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-30 in order to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in more proper U.S. format for examination. New claims 11-30 are supported by the claims as originally filed and in the Specification, for example, at page 2, line 17, through page 4, line 22; at page 7, line 36, through page 8, line 13; and in the Examples. No new matter has been introduced. Entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

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Prompt examination of the instant application in view of the amendments made
herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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